



Vernon's Drug and Alcohol prevention Council

Vernon R.O.C.K.S. Coalition  
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Special meeting  
October 20, 2017 10:00am-11:00am  
KIDSAFE CT, 19 Elm Street, Vernon, CT

## Approved Minutes

- 1) 1. Welcome New Members & Introductions  
Members present: Kaitlin Carafa, Morica Hutchison, Melisa Luginbuhl, Bonnie Smith, Stephanie Moran, Abby Wood, Michelle Hill, Aaron Grechko, Beth Russell, Kim McTighe, Steven Jackson, Robin Kohler, Oz Ramos
- 2) Review of 9/28 minutes: A motion was made to approve the draft minutes for the 9/28/17 Coalition Special meeting. The motion was seconded. All members voted in favor and the motion to accept the 9/28/17 minutes was passed.
- 3) Upcoming dates
  - a) Coalition Capacity Building Session 10/25/17 at KIDSAFE 12:30p-2:00p
  - b) Community Basketball Tournament – 10/28/17 at Henry Park 11a-3p  
Six student teams have signed up so far for the tournament.  
Five police officers are participating in the event.  
Steve Jackson shared the name of a DJ which may be able to work the event.  
It is expected to pick up more student participants next week.
  - c) DEA drug take-back event – 10/28/17 at Walgreens 11a-2p  
Kaitlin will share a flyer so coalition members can help promote.
  - d) Opioid Forum – 12/6 at RHS. Space is reserved from 5-9. Tentative order of events:  
5-5:30 set up  
5:30-6:30 Resource fair and possibly narcan training  
6:30-7:00 John Lally, guest speaker,  
7:00- 8:00 Panel speaks  
8:00: Q&A
    - i) Sub-committee/planning committee: should begin to meet bi weekly to plan details of event.
    - ii) Resource fair list and panelists: Kaitlin attached a list of possible resource fair participants to invite and asked for input on anyone who should be added. Vernon Youth Services, Vernon Social Services and Vernon Police department were suggested to be added to the list. There will be an NBC Moderator for the event. John Lally from "Today I Matter," will be the Guest speaker, and also a panel member. Other confirmed panel members include State Attorney Matt Gedansky, and Lieutenant Meier. Kaitlin suggested we select a treatment provider, and possibly a youth in recovery for the panel as well.
- 4) Coalition branding / Marketing
  - a) Vernon R.O.C.K.S. coalition – logo design: Based upon the feedback provided by Vernon youth and the coalition members on the multiple rounds of logos that were presented by Image Works, a final logo was presented to the group and used on today's agenda so the members could see it in use. All were in favor of the proposed logo.
- 5) School Survey
  - a) RHS was completed 10/12

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- b) VCMS still TBD – most likely next week
- 6) Local Prevention Grant application, Received Town Council approval on 10/17/17 for Mayor to sign
- 7) Monthly Meeting Schedule
  - a) Proposed time of 2pm, M, Tu, Wed, or Thursday  
In order to avoid the traffic during school dismissal it was decided to hold future coalition meetings at **2:15pm on the third Wednesday** of each month at Rockville High School.

The meeting was adjourned

Submitted by:  
Michelle Hill

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Hill".